

What Is The Role Of Women In Ministry?

Selected Scripture
"Hot Potato Issues", Part 5
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I) MEN AND WOMEN: THEIR ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- 1) Our culture:
- 2) God's Word: Our unique ____ROLE FOR GOD____ does not ever equal our particular ____VALUE IN GOD____.
(see 1 Corinthians 12:12-27)

II) MEN AND WOMEN: EQUAL IN PERSONAL VALUE BEFORE GOD

- 1) Men and women are equal in value in bearing ____GOD'S IMAGE____ at creation. (Genesis 1:26-27)
- 2) Men and women are equal in value in ____STEWARDSHIP____ of the earth. (Genesis 1:28)
- 3) Men and women are equal in value in ____JESUS CHRIST'S LOVE____. (John 4:9, Luke 7:44-50, 8:2-3, 8:43-48, 10:38-42, Matt.27:55-56, Mark 13:46-47, 16:9, Acts 1:14)
- 4) Men and women are equal in value in ____JESUS CHRIST'S SALVATION____. (Galatians 3:26-28)

III) MEN AND WOMEN: DIFFERING IN CERTAIN ROLES UNDER GOD

****While men and women possess equal value in God, there are 3 roles in which God assigns unique roles:***

- 1) The leadership of ____THE FAMILY____. (Genesis 2:18, 3:16b, Ephesians 5:22-33)
- 2) The spiritual oversight or ____ROLE OF ELDER____ in the church. (1 Timothy 3:1-8)
- 3) The ____AUTHORITATIVE TEACHING____ of both adult men and women in the church. (1 Timothy 2:9-15)

****Other important passages on gender roles:*** 1 Corinthians 11:1-16, 14:34-35, Titus 2:3-5, 1 Peter 3:1-6.

IV) WOMEN AND AUTHORITATIVE TEACHING IN THE CHURCH (1 Timothy 2:8-15)

- 1) Expected physical appearance: Appropriate ____MODESTY____. (v.8-10)
- 2) Commanded prohibition: No ____AUTHORITATIVE TEACHING____ over men, in the church. (v.11-12)
- 3) Reason for prohibition: Eve's order in both ____THE CREATION AND THE FALL____. (v.13-14)
- 4) Reassurance of women's value: Her significance as ____WIFE, MOTHER AND CHRISTIAN____. (v.15)

****Final Reminders:*** a) To men: Don't exaggerate but ____GENTLY RESPECT____ women and their role in the church.
b) To women: Don't reject but ____GRACIOUSLY RESPOND____ to your role in the church.
c) To all: Don't take your cues from the world or from others but from ____GOD'S WORD____.